

**BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Benton, Illinois 62812**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**July 15, 2021**

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Minor. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Marci Glover and Kenny Irvin. Board Member Absent: Shane Cockrum and Mark Dyel.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Students, Parents and Community Members.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel**

**Executive Session** – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:02 P.M.

**Open Session** - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:36 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – abs, Mark Dyel – abs, Marci Glover - yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – abs, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Students, Parents and Community Members.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to allow Mark Dyel to participate in the meeting via telephone. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2021**

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2021**

**5.2 Approve Financial Report (June 2021)**

**5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (June 2021)**

**5.4 Review/Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Board Policy Updates-Press Plus Issue 107 (ENCL A)**

**5.5 Review/Approve ShutterSnap Photo Agreement (ENCL B)**

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Mark Minor – yes and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosure B has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

## 6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

*Mr. Johnson commented on the following information:*

- Project updates
- Thank you to Joey Clinton for his hard work getting online registration up and going.

*Ryan Miller commented on the following information:*

- Possible BIT Changes
- Congratulations to the BCHS Wrestling team for their summer 2021 season.

## 7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Leslie Cox questioned the progress regarding additional staff for the fine arts department.

Ben Cox thanked the board members for listening to the community and offered a word of encouragement.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

**9.1 Assignment of Personnel** Kenny Irvin made a motion to assign Amy Kolodziej as the Special Education Coordinator and Special Services Department Chair for the 2021-22 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Reed Baumgaarte as a summer 2021 student worker as needed. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve Macy Wilson as a colorguard coach for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Bryce Doughty as a volunteer golf coach for the 2021-22 school year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve Victoria Jackson as a volunteer volleyball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Kaycey Webb as an assistant volleyball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**9.2 Employment of Personnel** Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Bernard Page as a teacher's aide for the 2021-22 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to accept Brett Blondi's resignation as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions** Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of special education teacher as available for the 2021-22 school year.. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**9.4 Review/Approve Handbook Updates** Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the handbook updates as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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**9.5 Review/Approve Classification of Executive Board Minutes** The executive board minutes from July 2020 – June 2021 have been reviewed and the need for confidentiality continues to exist, therefore, Mitch Bennett made a motion to continue to classify the executive board minutes as confidential. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**9.6 Review/Approve QNS Proposal for Network Completion** Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the proposal from QNS as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**9.7 Review/Approve Proposal to Refinish RHG Lobbies/Restroom Floors** Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the proposal to refinish RHG lobbies and restroom floors as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**9.8 Review/Approve Golden Apple Accelerator Agreement** Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Golden Apple Accelerator Agreement as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**9.9 Review/Approve Reopening Plan for 2021-22 School Year** Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the reopening plan for the 2021-22 school year as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS** Marci Glover commented that the board does not want the fine arts situation to pass by unaddressed.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** Mitch Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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**BOARD PRESIDENT**

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**BOARD SECRETARY**